

In the United States Court of Appeals
for the Eighth Circuit

SORPTIVE MINERALS INSTITUTE,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 v.)
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MINE SAFETY & HEALTH)
ADMINISTRATION, ET AL.,)
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 Respondents.)
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No. 24-1889

JOINT STATUS REPORT

On April 2, 2025, NSSGA Petitioners moved for a stay of the Silica Rule’s compliance deadlines, and for an emergency administrative stay of the compliance deadline (for coal mines) approaching on April 14, 2025. Docs. 5502800, 5502801. On April 11, 2025, SMI filed a motion to hold the case in abeyance for four months. Doc. 5505429. On that same day, the Court granted both NSSGA Petitioners’ stay motion and SMI’s abeyance motion. Doc. 5505588. The Court further ordered the parties to file “a status report regarding the developments in the cases on June 10, 2025, and thereafter as requested.” *Id.*

The consolidated petitions in this case seek review of a final rule (the “Silica Rule”) that Respondent Mine Safety and Health Administration (“MSHA”) issued in April 2024. *See* 89 Fed. Reg. 28,218 (Apr. 18, 2024). MSHA announced a

temporary four-month pause on enforcement of the Silica Rule on April 8, 2025. Doc. 5505028. The parties submitted an initial status joint status report on June 11, 2025. Doc. 5526280.

The parties hereby report to the Court that they are still discussing potential settlement of the petitions, and those discussions are ongoing. The parties request that the Court extend the abeyance to October 17, 2025, and order another status update on October 10, 2025.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 11, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing Joint Status Report with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit by using the CM/ECF system. All parties are represented by counsel and are registered CM/ECF users.

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